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## **GLORIA MOLINA ANNOUNCES ‘AVENUE PARK’ FOR UNINCORPORATED AVOCADO HEIGHTS**

### **Avenue Park to Feature Skate Park and ‘Universally’ Accessible Playground Equipment after Extensive Community Input**

LOS ANGELES (May 1, 2012)—Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced that plans are moving forward to construct Avenue Park in unincorporated Avocado Heights. Located at 555 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, control of the five-acre park officially was transferred today from the county’s Community Development Commission to the county’s Department of Parks and Recreation – which will oversee day-to-day park maintenance. Avenue Park will open to the public on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

“Avenue Park was designed after considerable input from the unincorporated Avocado Heights community,” Molina said. “Hundreds of residents participated in a series of surveys and community meetings, with over 600 casting votes for their preferred park features. Because of their input, Avenue Park will feature exactly what the community wants – a skate park and ‘universal’ play equipment designed to accommodate individuals living with disabilities.”

In addition, Avenue Park will include gardens, tree groves, a nature trail, and a pedestrian bridge plus new picnic areas, benches, lighting, and decorative signage.

Avenue Park also promotes sustainable design by featuring extensive tree planting to shade the site, drought-tolerant plants, drip irrigation, infiltration basins to collect water run-off, and underground storage tanks to gather water before releasing it slowly underground.

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